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1. RESPONDING TO LEBANESE COMPLAINT ABOUT ISRAELI RAIDS
(REFTEL), ISRAELI PERM REP TEKOAH MAY 15 ASKED SYG TO
CIRCULATE LETTER WHICH ASSERTS THAT ISRAELI ACTIONS WERE
MEASURES OF SELF-DEFENSE TAKEN IN LIGHT OF "MORE THAN 30 ACTS
OF AGGRESSION" LAUNCHED BY PALESTINIAN TERRORISTS AGAINST
ISRAEL IN LAST FIVE WEEKS FROM LEBANESE TERRITORY.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF ISRAELI LETTER:

QUOTE LETTER DATED 14 MAY 1975 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF ISRAEL TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-
GENERAL

ON INSTRUCTIONS OF MY GOVERNMENT I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REFER
TO THE LETTER ADDRESSED TO YOU BY THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF LEBANON ON 14 MAY 1975 (A/10085-S/11688) AND TO STATE THE
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FOLLOWING.

IT IS A MATTER OF COMMON KNOWLEDGE THAT THE PALESTINE MURDER ORGANIZATIONS UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF THE PLO ARE IN VIRTUAL CONTROL OF PARTS OF LEBANESE TERRITORY AND ACT THEREIN AS IF THEY CONSTITUTED A SEPARATE REGIME. THIS SITUATION IS REPORTED AND CONFIRMED DAILY BY THE INTERNATIONAL MEDIA OF INFORMATION, INCLUDING ARAB MEDIA.

THE COEXISTENCE AND CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT AND THE PLO MACHINERY IS ANCHORED IN FORMAL AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES SINCE 1969. THE GOVERNMENT OF LEBANON AND THE PLO MAINTAIN PERMANENT CONTACT WITH A VIEW TO CO-ORDINATING ACTION AND OVERCOMING POSSIBLE DIFFERENCES.

AT TIMES, AS WITNESSED RECENTLY, BLOODY CONFRONTATIONS TAKE PLACE BETWEEN THE PALESTINIAN TERRORISTS AND INNOCENT LEBANESE CITIZENS WHOSE ONLY WISH IS TO LIVE IN PEACE AND TRANQUILLITY. PROMINENT LEBANESE PERSONALITIES HAVE RAISED THEIR VOICES AGAINST THIS INTOLERABLE SITUATION AND HAVE CALLED UPON THE GOVERNMENT OF LEBANON TO PUT AN END TO THE PLO DOMINATION TO WHICH PARTS OF LEBANESE TERRITORY AND POPULATION ARE SUBJECTED.

IN THE LAST FIVE WEEKS MORE THAN 30 ACTS OF AGGRESSION HAVE BEEN PERPETRATED BY THE PALESTINIAN TERROR ORGANIZATIONS FROM LEBANESE TERRITORY AGAINST ISRAEL AND ITS CITIZENS. MOST OF THESE ACTS WERE FOILED BY ISRAEL'S DEFENSIVE MEASURES.

THE LEBANESE LETTER IS THUS, AS USUAL, A HYPOCRITICAL ATTEMPT TO MISLEAD PUBLIC OPINION BY PASSING OVER A SITUATION WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF LEBANON ITSELF HAS CREATED BY REFUSING TO ENFORCE ITS SOVEREIGNTY WITHIN LEBANON'S BORDERS.

I SHOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE, AS I HAVE DONE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS IN THE PAST, THAT IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO EXERCISE ITS INHERENT RIGHT OF SELF-DEFENSE AND TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE STEPS TO PROTECT ITS CITIZENS AND ITS TERRITORY.

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I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REQUEST THAT THIS LETTER BE CIRCULATED AS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

(SIGNED) YOSEF TEKOAH
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ISRAEL TO THE UNITED NATIONS
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